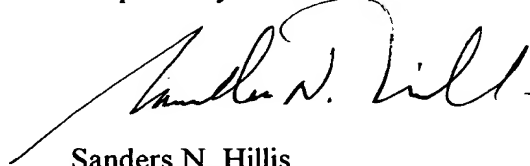


REMARKS

Claims 2-51 are pending in this application. Claims 2-51 were added to claim additional subject matter disclosed in the specification, and do not narrow the scope of the claims. No new matter is added by this amendment. Applicant believes that the claims are clear and definite and that this application is now in condition for early action on the merits, which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. No fees in addition to those included herewith are believed to be required at this time. However, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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